

Special Interest News May 2016

Special Interest Students Bring Home Third Place in Academic WorldQuest competition!

On March 12, under the direction of Mrs. Kamps, four Special Interest students participated in the Academic WorldQuest competition at Elizabethtown College. Zach Byall, Joyce Giboyeaux, Avery Peiffer, and Ro Weber were tested on their international affairs knowledge and brought home third place in the competition! The competition is sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg.



Special Interest Students Win Regional Scholastic Writing Awards

Congratulations to the following Special Interest students who won regional Scholastic Writing awards. Many of these Special Interest students worked on their pieces as assignments for Special Interest Independent Study class or as a project in Special Interest flex.

Tess Beinhaur 12 Gold Key Personal Essay/Memoir *Letters to the boy in the River*
Tess Beinhaur 12 Honorable Mention Poetry *Gifted Individuals Program*
Madison Black 9 Gold Key Flash Fiction *Rainstorm*
Anastasia Bowersox 12 Silver Key Science Fiction/Fantasy *Monopoly*
Maura Fleming 11 Silver Key Personal Essay/Memoir *Concussed*
Hannah Flick 10 Honorable Mention Short Story *Ditch*
Lenora Pierce 11 Silver Key Personal Essay/Memoir *I'd Tell You a Story*
Nada Rahmouni 11 Gold Key Personal Essay/Memoir *Existentialism*
Nada Rahmouni 11 Honorable Mention Poetry *Soldier*
Haven Smith 10 Honorable Mention Flash Fiction *Snow Day*

Special Interest Students View Live Gastric Sleeve Surgery

On February 23, 49 Cedar Cliff students attended Surgery Live! at the Whitaker Center where they had the chance to witness, through high definition interactive video technology, a live gastric sleeve surgery taking place at Hershey Medical Center. Mrs. Kamps organized the trip and along with Mrs. Goodman took interested Special Interest students as well as Advanced Placement Biology students.

While there, students had the unique opportunity to speak with Dr. Ann Rodgers while she performed a gastric sleeve surgery. A doctor was also on site at the Whitaker Center to give background information and guidance. Students learned about the Da Vinci Robotic System and the process of a gastric sleeve surgery. They also learned about medical careers and the process of applying to medical school. This was a fantastic experience for students possibly interested in pursuing a medical profession.



Cedar Cliff's Rising Star



The Leadership Cumberland Fellows of 2016 honored Ro Weber on Friday, April 8 at the Spring Leaders awards luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club . Ro was selected as Cedar Cliff High School's Rising Star. She was recognized as a senior student who is a leader inside and outside of the classroom who demonstrates a special interest in diversity. Ro serves as the President of Cedar Cliff's Gay Straight Alliance Club. She will be attending Kenyon University in the fall.

Special Interest Students Place In the National Capitol Hill Stock Market Challenge

Fourteen Special Interest students competed on teams in the 14-week Capitol Hill Challenge by investing "100,000.00" in the market. Students needed to invest in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds in order to remain eligible throughout the competition. Congratulations to the team of Zach Bygall 12, Michael Farrell 12, and Caroline Moore 11. Their team ended with a rank of **118 out of 4, 288 teams competing in the nation**. They ended with an equity of \$118, 459. 79, placing them in the top 3% of teams competing in the nation. Well done!

Looking for something to do this summer?

Check out Mrs. Kamps's website links to find Summer Programs, Online Learning Opportunities, Book Lists and more!

<http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us/webpages/akamps/links.cfm>

Special Interest Students Participate in Computerized Nationwide Academic 3-2-1 Competition

Twenty-four Special Interest students participated as a team this past April in the computerized nationwide Academic 3-2-1 Competition. Students answered 240 short answer questions on topics ranging from music to history to math. Avery Peiffer served as the Captain and Emily Race as the Assistant.

Special Interest students scored 285 out of 480 possible points with 59.4% correct placing the team 83/149 teams competing in the nation.



Interested in a Medical Career?

Students may be interested in learning about the Pulse Program through Penn State Hershey College of Medicine. As described on their website, “A novel collaboration between medical students and high school students, the PULSE program is a semester long academic course taught at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center from 4:00 to 6:30 pm on **Mondays** in the fall. PULSE aims to cultivate interest in medicine and healthcare by introducing high school students to medical topics through lectures, facilitated small group learning experiences, and supplemental activities (e.g. laboratories, simulations, exhibits, student presentations).” The topic this year is **Musculoskeletal System and Orthopedics**. Applications are due June 1, 2016 and are found at this link <http://hmcpulse.yolasite.com/course-application.php>.

Best Wishes to our Graduates!

On Monday, May 23, Mrs. Kamps will be meeting with Senior Special Interest students at 8:00 a.m. in the Special Interest classroom. Seniors will receive the letters that they wrote to themselves freshman year. They'll find out if their predictions came true! Light refreshments will be served. Congratulations to our seniors!

Have a wonderful summer!